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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Like many consumers, I strive to give my business to socially responsible companies and corporations, including internet service providers. In order to express myself through the choices I make, I need to alternatives available to me. I'm very happy with my current phone service and internet service provider, they/ve earned my loyalty over the years with outstanding service and support. I'm currently connected via unbundled copper lines my provider leases from one of the big companies. Please don't stifle competition and enable oligopoly by giving the big players free range to limit competion from small market players. This is deeply unwise. It is unamerican.

**Edward Haertel**